

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An orthopaedic fixation system, comprising:
a bone anchor having proximal and distal ends and ~~an outer sidewall~~ outwardly advancing tangs or barbs to assist with fixation; and
a connector having portion that engages with the bone anchor once in position and an arm that engages with an existing stabilizing rod.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 1, wherein the proximal end of the bone anchor is at or near the surface of a bone once in position.
4. (Original) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 1, wherein the connector is an elbow.
5. (Original) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 1, wherein an existing stabilizing rod is generally transverse to the arm.
6. (New) An orthopaedic fixation system, comprising:
a bone anchor having proximal and distal ends and wherein the proximal end is substantially at the surface of a bone once in position; and
a connector having portion that engages with the bone anchor once in position and an arm that engages with an existing stabilizing rod.
7. (New) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 6, wherein the bone anchor includes outwardly advancing tangs or barbs to assist with fixation.
8. (New) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 6, wherein the connector is an elbow.

9. (New) An orthopaedic fixation system, comprising:
a bone anchor having proximal and distal ends; and
an elbow having portion that engages with the bone anchor once in position and an arm that engages with an existing stabilizing rod.
10. (New) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 9, wherein the bone anchor includes outwardly advancing tangs or barbs to assist with fixation.
11. (New) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 9, wherein the proximal end of the bone anchor is substantially at the surface of a bone once in position.
12. (New) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 9, wherein an existing stabilizing rod is generally transverse to the arm.
13. (New) The orthopaedic fixation system of claim 9, wherein an existing stabilizing rod is generally transverse to the arm.